



Forde Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 14th February 2025



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	91%
Courtenay	96%
Templar	91%

This week's whole school attendance: 92.6%

Last week's whole school attendance: 94.9%

RAG Rating		98% and above
		96.1%- 97.9%
		96% and below

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

Please read 4x a week.

Please see your child's Home Learning book which comes home every **Friday**

Dear Parents,

Wow – what a busy half-term we have had! The children deserve a good break after six weeks of working really hard. I am so pleased with the progress they are making and how hard they have been working.

This week we have been finishing up our final piece in Art – animal portraits inspired by Eric Carle. The children were able to choose the medium they wished to use: pastels, paint or collage.

The children have been investigating properties of materials in Science this half term and on Tuesday they looked at which materials are waterproof and which materials absorb water. They had fun watching the materials being spritzed with water to test them!

Star of the Week:

Harry- For working hard on his writing in English and RWInc lessons.

In Maths we have been working on Addition and Subtraction and the children have worked hard on using different methods and manipulatives to solve addition and subtraction problems. EYFS children have been working hard on partitioning numbers.

Year 2 children have been really impressing me this half term with their writing. They have written an imaginary diary entry about waking up on 2nd September 1666 to discover that London is on fire! They have worked really hard on their presentation and making sure their writing includes lots of exciting adjectives and interesting vocabulary.

Have a great half term,

Mrs Perry-Bates and the KS1 team

MESSAGE FROM MR GRINSILL

We Believe:

We are Stronger Together

This week, we explored the stories of famous sports stars and how their perseverance led them to success. From athletes who overcame injuries to those who trained for years to achieve their dreams, the children were inspired by their dedication and resilience. We then took time to reflect on the people in our own lives who show perseverance every day. It was a wonderful reminder that perseverance is all around us and something we can all strive for in our own way.

We all belong in our School Trust

This week was Safer Internet Day, and the children took part in valuable discussions about how to stay safe online. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, and there are plenty of helpful resources available online to support safer internet use.

In Removing barriers for all

Another friendly reminder that our brand-new after-school provision will be launching after half term! We are thrilled to be able to offer this to our families and look forward to welcoming children to enjoy a safe, engaging, and fun space at the end of the school day.

In realising the possible so that all children can flourish

As we approach the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to celebrate the children's fantastic attitudes towards their learning. Across all year groups, we have seen great enthusiasm, determination, and engagement in lessons. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and can't wait to see them continue to grow after the break.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2025

- 10.1.25 – 14.2.25 KS2 Gymnastics ASC
- 14.1.25 and 16.1.25 2.30 – Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting
- 23.1.25 – PTFA Bake Sale – FORDE
- 30th Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting 2.30pm

FEBRUARY 2025

- 7.2.25 NSPCC Number Day
- 13.2.25 – PTFA Bake Sale – COURTENAY
- 28.2.25 – 4.4.25 KS1 Gymnastics ASC

MARCH 2025

- 6.3.25 World Book Day
- 12 and 13.3.25 Parent Consultations 3.15 -17.45
- 20.3.25 -PTFA Bake Sale – TEMPLAR
- 28.3.25 Non school uniform – please bring in an Easter treat for the PTFA raffle / PTFA Carer day craft

APRIL 2025

- 2.4.25 Easter Service St Paul's 1.45pm
- 3.4.25 Easter PTFA Raffle

MAY 2025

- 15.5.25 Forde Bake Sale

JUNE 2025

- 19.6.25 Courtenay Bake Sale

JULY 2025

- 17.7.25 Templar Bake Sale
- 18.7.25 PTFA Summer Fete

OFFICE NEWS



Facebook

We have changed pages – please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsLAP> to keep updates with what's going on

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are delighted to share some exciting news – our brand-new afterschool club will be launching on Monday, 24th February 2025!

The club will be based in our outside classroom and run by two of our dedicated staff members, Louise Sims and Kara Hawkins.

The club will run Monday to Friday from 3:00pm to 6.00pm with the following session times and costs attached;

15.00 - 16.00 - £4.50

15.00 - 17.00 - £7.50

15.00 - 18.00 - £11.00

We are also pleased to offer a sibling discount to support families with more than one child attending. Bookings will be available through the MCAS app, making it easy for you to secure a place. If you have any questions or need support with booking, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, where our team will be happy to help.

This is an exciting time for our school, and we are thrilled to be able to offer this additional provision, something many of our parents have asked for. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this will have on our children and families.

Easter Competition

We have been asked if the children would like to decorate Easter posters to display next term. We have sent home copies with the children – there are prizes to be won! Be creative and colourful as you can!



Parent Consultations

We are holding face to face parent consultations at school on the following dates:

Wednesday 12th March 3.15 – 17.45.

Thursday 13th March 3.15 -17.45.

Booking is via the MCAS app and the Parents evening tab. There is a drop down box in the top left corner where you can select the date. Parents of children in Templar only need to book 1 of the days either with either Mrs Mott (Wednesday) or Miss Blakesley (Thursday). If you have any issues, please let Mrs Webber know.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's Teacher and discuss their progress.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Household Support Fund

We have access to additional funding via the Household Support Fund to support families on low incomes with food and utility costs. The scheme runs until 31st March 2025.

Through this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Food

- Support with energy and water bills for household purposes

Such as, for example, insulation or energy efficient items which reduce bills, the purchase of essential equipment such as fridges, freezers, ovens, slow cookers or costs associated with obtaining, installing or repairing/servicing such items (e.g. a boiler). Likewise, to invest in simple energy efficiency measures which will pay back quickly, such as insulating a hot water tank, fitting draft excluders to a front door, or replacing energy inefficient lightbulbs or essential electrical items. The intention of this is to provide sustainable support which results in immediate and potentially long-lasting savings for the household.

- Wider essential needs not linked to energy, water or food

These may include, but are not limited to, support with other essential bills, which if unpaid would prevent the household from either earning income or would make them lose income. Items such as broadband or phone bills, clothing, period and hygiene products, transport-related costs such as repairing a car, buying a bicycle, or paying for fuel/transport fares. This list is not exhaustive.

This fund is NOT able to provide funds for the following (which is not an exhaustive list):


Items deemed non-essential, washing machines, driers (often heavy consumers of energy), furniture, flooring, and school uniforms (for the latter issue the school should be contacted initially).


We can only refer one application per household, so if you have already applied in this round (November 24 – March 25), we are unable to refer at present. Families, who have not previously received funding will be prioritised.

If you are interested in applying, please let Mrs webber know.



*Looking forward to seeing you all on
Monday 24th February*

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